s17 Geometric Series Exam (Practice v6)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a=418, common ratio $r=\left(\frac{6}{19}\right)^{1/10}$, and n=10 terms.

$$S = 418 + 372.49 + 331.94 + 295.8 + 263.59 + 234.9 + 209.32 + 186.53 + 166.22 + 148.13$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS \ = \ 372.49 + 331.94 + 295.8 + 263.59 + 234.9 + 209.32 + 186.53 + 166.22 + 148.13 + 132$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 3 + 3(8) + 3(8)^{2} + 3(8)^{3} + \cdots + 3(8)^{70} + 3(8)^{71} + 3(8)^{72} + 3(8)^{73}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.